

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Attorney Docket No.: Q84937

Application No.: 10/516,516

**REMARKS**

Applicants thank the Examiner for agreeing to the substitution of the claims from the Article 34 amendment, in conjunction with this concurrent election. Examination of the claims directed to the extruder screw *per se* is now respectfully requested.

Prompt and favorable action on the merits of the elected claims is now solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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